

**An Act to Enhance the Readability of the SGA Constitution and By-laws, Modify Procedures relating to Senate Standing and Ad-hoc Committees, and Provide for the Introduction of a specialized Rules of Order for the SGA Senate.**

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**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE  
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT**

Section 1: This bill shall be known

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regular meeting of the Fall semester. The second half session begins at the first regular meeting of the Spring semester and ends at the last regular meeting of the full session."

Section 31.8 In Article I, Section 3 insert a new Subsection H reading:

**Section 3.1.17:** In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection P, reading:  
"A \_\_\_\_\_ is any grouping of members of the student body united by a common interest that has been registered with the appropriate university offices, not including SGA."

**Section 3.1.18:** In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection Q, reading:  
"A \_\_\_\_\_ or supermajority vote, is a vote in which two-thirds {2/3} of the total requested to vote, vote in approval or opposition."

**Section 3.1.19:** In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection R, reading:  
"The \_\_\_\_\_ refers to all members of the student body who are enrolled in undergraduate academic programs at Tennessee Technological University."

**Section 3.1.20:** In Article I, Section 3, insert a new Subsection S, reading:  
"A \_\_\_\_\_ is defined as the absence of a person holding a particular office."

- Section 4:** In Article II, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution, strike the language of Subsection A and replace it with the following: "Promote the constitutional liberties and general welfare of the University community"
- Section 5:** In Article II, Section 1, Subsection B of the SGA Constitution, strike the words "Tennessee Tech" and insert "Tennessee Technological University"
- Section 6:** In Article II, Section 1, Subsection C of the SGA Constitution, strike the words after "opinion" and insert "to the administration of Tennessee Technological University"
- Section 7:** In Article II, Section 1, Subsection D of the SGA Constitution, strike the words "on campus" and insert "on and off campus"
- Section 8:** In Article II, Section 2, Subsection A of the SGA Constitution, capitalize the first letter of the word "constitution"
- Section 9:** In Article II, Section 2, Subsection B of the SGA Constitution, strike the word "bylaws" and insert "By-laws"
- Section 10:** In Article II, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, strike Subsection C and replace it with the following: "Enact legislation to address all matters related to Tennessee

Technological University with the purpose of improving the experience and welfare of the student body"

Section 11: In Article II, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, strike Subsection D and replace it with the following: "Exercise all other powers and responsibilities granted to SGA by Tennessee Technological University"

Section 12 In Article III of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language of the article.

Section 12.1: Insert the following language: "SGA shall be organized into three co-equal branches of government: the Legislative Branch, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch."

Section 12.2 Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "The Executive Branch of SGA shall consist of the Executive Council and the Executive Cabinet."

Section 12.2.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection A, reading: "The Executive Council shall consist of the following elected officers: SGA President, SGA Vice President, SGA Secretary, and SGA Treasurer."

Section 12.2.2 Insert a new Sub-Subsection B reading: "The Executive Cabinet shall consist of officers appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the SGA Senate."

Section 12.3 Insert a new Subsection B reading: "The Legislative Branch of SGA shall consist of the SGA Senate."

Section 12.4: Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "The Judicial Branch of SGA shall consist of the SGA Supreme Court."

Section 13 In Article IV of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language before Section 1.

Section 14 In Article IV, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution, strike the existing language before Subsection A.

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**Section 15.1.1:**

Section 201.2 Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "Non-voting ex officio members"

Section 202 Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Senators"

Section 202.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Academic Senators"

Section 202.1.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Academic Senators shall represent the views and interests of their home college/school within the Senate."

Section 202.1.2 Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Academic Senators shall be elected by the constituents of their home college/school to serve during the upcoming academic year."

Section 202.1.3 Insert a new clause iii, reading: "The following constituencies are entitled to elect Senators to the Senate:"

Section 202.1.3.1: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 1, reading: "College of Agriculture and Human Ecology"

Section 202.1.3.2 Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 2, reading: "College of Arts and Sciences"

Section 202.1.3.3 Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 3, reading: "College of Business"

Section 202.1.3.4: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 4, reading: "College of Education"

Section 202.1.3.5: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 5, reading: "College of Engineering"

Section 202.1.3.6: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 6, reading: "College of Fine Arts"

Section 202.1.3.7: Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 7, reading: "College of Gg' < Under subclause 7, readini/

Section 20.21.3.9. Under clause iii, insert a new subclause 9, reading: "Whitson-Hester School of Nursing"

Section 20.21.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading: There shall be one (1) Academic Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) students, with a minimum of two (2) Senators per college/school, based on the official enrollment numbers from the previous fall semester."

Section 20.2.2 Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "Freshmen Senators"

Section 20.2.2.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Freshmen Senators shall represent the views and interests of first-year freshmen at Tennessee Technological University."

Section 20.2.2.2 Insert a new clause ii, reading: "Freshmen Senators shall be appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the Senate at the beginning of each full session of the Senate or when a vacancy arises"

Section 20.2.2.2.1: Insert a new subclause 1, reading: "Prospective senators shall be interviewed by the SGA President and Executive Officers of the President's choosing before their appointment to the Senate."

Section 20.2.2.3: Insert a new clause iii, reading: "Freshmen Senators shall serve no more than two (2) semesters in the Senate."

Section 20.2.2.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading: "There shall be, at minimum, two (2) Freshman Senators, with one (1) additional Freshmen Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) entering freshmen beyond seven gtiive sstdents'A"

Section 20.2.3: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "Special Interest Senators"

Section 20.2.3.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "Special Interest Senators shall represent the views and interests of a particular group of the sstdent body within the Senate."

Section 20.2.3.2 Insert a new clause ii, reading: "The following consistencies are entisl t appoint Senators to the Senate:"



Section 2023.21: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 1, reading "Accessible Education Center (AEC) - 1 Senator"

Section 2023.22 Under clause ii, insert a new clause 2 reading "Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) - 1 Senator"

Section 2023.23 Under clause ii, insert a new clause 3 reading "Residence Hall Association (RHA) - 2Senators"

Section 2023.24: Under clause ii, insert a new clause 4 reading "Office of International Education (OIE) - 1 Senator"

Section 2023.25 Under clause ii, insert a new clause 5 reading "Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) - 2 Senators"

Section 2024: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 4 reading "Transfer Senators"

Section 2024.1: Insert a new clause i, reading "Transfer Senators shall represent the views and interests of members of the student body who have transferred to Tennessee Technological University from another college or school."

Section 2024.2 Insert a new clause ii, reading "Transfer Senators shall be appointed by the SGA President and confirmed by the Senate at the beginning of each full session of the Senate or when a vacancy arises"

Section 2024.2.1: Insert a new subclause 1, reading "Prospective senators shall be interviewed by the SGA President and Executive Officers of the President's choosing before their appointment to the Senate."

Section 2024.3 Insert a new clause reading "Transfer Senators shall serve no more than two (2) semesters in the Senate."

Section 2024.4: Insert a new clause iv, reading "There shall be, at minimum, two (2) Transfer Senators, with one (1) additional Transfer Senator for every three hundred fifty (350) transfers beyond seven hundred (700) students"

Section 20.3.1: Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "Non-voting members of the Senate shall possess the following rights while the Senate is in session:"

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**Section 23:** In Article V of the SGA Constitution, add a new Section 6 entitled "Committees"

**Section 23.1:** Insert a new Subsection A, reading: "Each

of each academic year and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

**Section 25.2:** Insert a new Subsection B, reading: "Freshman Senators."

**Section 25.2.1:** Insert a new Sub-Subsection 1, reading: "The term of office for Freshman Senators shall begin once they are sworn in following their confirmation by the Senate and shall end following the swearing in of the next Executive Council."

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**Section 25.3:** Insert a new Subsection C, reading: "Special A Sworn A

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election until the end of the full session for which they are elected to serve."

Section 37.4: Insert a new Subsection D, reading:

Section 37.7.2 Insert a new Sub-Subsection 2, reading: "The Senate may, before the third regular meeting, elect from its membership a sergeant-at-arms to serve for the remainder of the full session in which they were elected."

Section 37.7.2.1: Insert a new clause i, reading: "In the event that no qualified candidate stands for election, the member chosen by the Speaker of the Senate shall continue to serve as the sergeant-at-arms."

Section 37.7.3 Insert a new Sub-Subsection 3, reading: "At the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall have the power to remove anyone causing a disturbance from the Senate chambers."

Section 38 In Article II, Sections 8 and 9 of the TTU SGA By-laws shall become Sections 9 and 10, respectively.

Section 39 In Article II of the SGA By-laws, insert a new Section 8 entitled: "Senate Rules and Procedure"

Section 40 Article II, Section 8 of the TTU SGA By-laws shall be defined by the following Subsections A - E below:

Section 40.1: Subsection A shall read: "The Senate may create and maintain its own rules and procedures not covered in the TTU SGA Constitution or By-laws in a document entitled the

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Section 40.2 Subsection B shall read: "The Senate may amend its rules and procedures through a resolution sustain/



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**Section 49.3:** Add a new Subsection C which shall read: "Environment and Sustainability Committee".

**Section 49.3.1:** Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads "The duties of the Environment and Sustainability Committee are to create legislation that furthers the university's environmental policies and practices, organize campus cleanups, and promote sustainable practices."

**Section 49.4:** Add a new Subsection D which shall read: "Governmental Affairs Committee".

**Section 49.4.1:** Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads "The duties of the Governmental Affairs Committee are to review all legislation pertinent to local, state, and federal governments and spearhead initiatives relating to external governmental opportunities (e.g. voter registration, contacting government officials, going to the state capitol, etc)."

**Section 49.5:** Add a new Subsection E which shall read: "Health and Wellness Committee".

**Section 49.5.1:** Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads "The duties of the Health and Wellness Committee are to review legislation that pertains to the safety and health of students, both mentally and physically."

**Section 49.6:** Add a new Subsection F which shall read: "Student Affairs Committee".

**Section 49.6.1:** Add a new Sub-subsection 1 that reads "The duties of the Student Affairs Committee are to review all legislation that pertains to student's quality of life, explore possibilities of community service for SGA, and find ways to enrich student personal and educational experiences."

**Section 50:** This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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